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My precious Lots:-

Just received your darling letter of Saturday, enclosing the money order for which I cannot hardly express my gratitude. Darling, God knows I didn't want to take it, but I feel that if I just get in, things will run more smoothly. I am certain that I will be able to take care of the other 2 degrees. It is as you say, my acquaintanceship will enlarge and the more people I meet, the better are my prospects for making good. As it is, I should have no trial, because it must be had in the beginning and once I get back my business, then it will be pie & honey. As for keeping tabs on the big men, you can leave it to me. They won't get away from this little chicken. Dr. Bird is still away, but they expect him back by to-morrow. I hope he soon returns so that I can go up & see him.

Lots, last night, I was in the drug store and who was in, but the best client any lawyer can have, a nigger that I made more than $100 out of, what with his trouble & his friends getting in trouble! He certainly was glad to see me, and I know he meant it. Promised to come up & see me. Said he was just discharged from the service & needs some help. Hope he comes up, as I feel sure he means business.

I had just started this letter, when 2 men come in and asked me to draw up 2 little contracts. I did so, and what do you think?, paid me $5.00 without a word & told me to expect more business. I felt so good, just because I know they only saw my sign, and as it is in a small building, they come up. I expected business like that fast I feel that a person would sooner, at times, go to a lawyer in a small building than in a big one. I sure am happy to have made the few dollars, ~~and as~~ as I was about to draw on my funds, which are quite small, and this saved me for practically the balance of the week.

It never rains, but it pours! You remember the judge I wrote to you about don't you? He's one that advised me to go out for myself. Well, he came in the building this morning and I met him in the elevator. After a little talk, he asked me if I was located here and when I told I was, and out for myself, too, just as he advised, he said "Good boy, that's the way." I started in fine to-day, don't you think so?

Changing mind, I told Lt. Lazear what you said and he said that when you come he'll show you that you did have

a splinter in your eye, but let me tell you, precious, that he fine is wild to see you, as is his wife. Mrs. Lazan was telling me how much the doctor thinks of me & how is trying to help me out. You would never believe it.

Believe me, my precious wife I'm hurrying all I possibly can to collect those kisses & hugs. Though it will be more than 30 days, don't forget I still hold you responsible for my precious jewell, your own good, fine, sweet self and when we meet again, I'm very doubtful if I ever permit your lips to get dry or cracked. You say you often feel that I have my arm about you. Sweetheart, it must be mental telepathy, for wherever I am, or go, or whatever I do, you are always with me, and I always think of how happy I would be if I held you in my arms as of yore. Yes, darling, I sure do yearn for you and can hardly refrain from kissing your picture, morning noon & night. Sweetheart, just take care of yourself, be brave & courageous, and things will, with God's help, come out "exactly according to plan". I am taking care of myself, eat regularly & in the evening go to see someone or to a show, but always with you.

Will close now, precious wife mine, with all my love, my kisses & thoughts to you, my own precious jewell.

Ever lovingly & longingly your own

Joe

Certainly was glad that you got your increase already. I am going to return the $20 some day, and will only consider the masonic degree as a gift for I can't touch your money without a feeling of shame. Darling, buy yourself something, buy clothes, go out & enjoy yourself, and in the meantime I'll work hard to make a price lively so that you can come down here.